MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : ഫാൻറ്റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ അങ്ങനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. പക്ഷേ ഇത് ഒരു സെലക്ഷൻ അപ്പോയിൻറുമെൻറാണ്.

*Extension of service.*

170. * MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what reasons weighed with them in altering the age of entering Sirkar Service to 28 and that of retiring from service to 58 ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member's attention is invited to the Press Note *dated 18th May 1945 on the subject, a copy of which is placed on the table.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: With reference to the Press Note given at the end of the questions, explaining the reasons for changing the retirement age, will the Government explain what they mean by 'present day conditions.' ?

PRESIDENT : I thought I made it clear. By present day conditions is meant the better state of health and greater longevity of the officers and their better mental and physical vigour.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthigapally*) : What is the increase in the longevity at the present time ?

PRESIDENT : Passing along the road and meeting retired officers, one could form one's own opinions in regard to the matter. Honourable members are also entitled to hold their own opinions. The opinion of Government is that while thirty or forty years ago, it was very difficult for retired officers to survive for a long time, now people live for 25 to 30 years after retiring.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : Does that statement concern only the retired officers or does it concern the general public.

PRESIDENT : The question does not arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Considering the fact that the age of entry to Public Service is raised to 28, have the Government considered the waste of energy of young men who have to go about seeking for jobs till they are 28 ?

PRESIDENT : They need not necessarily wait till they are 28. As a matter of fact, it was found that they were not able to get any jobs till 25. The number of persons who were able to get jobs at the age of 25 is only a very small percentage. What happened was, in the economically backward classes, persons could not complete their studies before 25 and they had all to be granted exemption.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR : After 18 a person is eligible for entry into the Public Service.

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**PRESIDENT**: From the age of 18, anybody could be recruited. The present provision only lays down that till 28 they can be recruited. If a young man is only 22 or 23 and is fit for a job, he can very well be recruited.

**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI**: Have the Government considered the fact that if the officers do not retire earlier, the chances are fewer?

**PRESIDENT**: Anyhow Government decided the question.

**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI**: Have they thought of the advisability of giving a bonus or Provident Fund without a pension?

**PRESIDENT**: The whole question has been considered not only in this country but in many countries in the world. Generaly all questions relating to pension have had to be dealt with on this basis. Either give them a consolidated compensation as done by the East India Company, and as has been considered on various occasions by the British Government. Take the case of a man who is retiring at 55. Take the expectancy of his age till 80 or 75 and start annuities for his benefit so that for the expected life for 25 years or so, he may get that amount. In this discussion in the Indian Reforms Committee that was the suggestion made with regard to the I. C. S. It aroused a certain amount of comment and criticism in India. But the question of providing a ProvidentFund will not now be relevent, as pension charges have already been incurred. It may be that this House is strongly of the opinion that the system of pension may be got rid of. It is open to the House to make that suggestion and Government will consider it.

**MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the claims of those who retired last year will be taken into consideration?

**MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR**: No, sir.

**MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartigapally*): One of the reasons given in the Press Note is that the charge on revenues is increasing on account of the pensions. I say that the present rule will only postpone the evil day.....

**PRESIDENT**: This is not the time for argument. This is time for questions and answers. What is the question that the honourable member wants to put?

**MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI**: Do the Government think that, the charge on the revenue regarding the pension fund can be decreased by this rule?

**PRESIDENT**: Undoubtedly. I may take the case of a man retiring at 55. If he retires then, he has to be given, and another person has to be appointed at the same pay. That makes a difference immediately.

**MR. P. O. THOMAS** (*Kunnathnad* cum *Parur*): Is the decision made on the impression of the Head of the Administration or on an enquiry as to the health of the officers in superior service?

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**PRESIDENT:** Upon the opinion which is fairly universally known. Honourable members can take the Civil List and the Pension List and form their own conclusions in the matter.

*Extension of Public Service.*

171. ✻ **MR. P. O. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state the number of officers in the superior service of the State who would have retired before 30-6-1122 but for the recent Government order extending the service by three years; and

(*b*) to place on the table a statement, by caste, containing the number of such officers with the religious denominations to which they belong?

**MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR:** The time and labour involved are not commensurate with the advantages to be gained.

**MR. P. O. THOMAS:** May I know what is the exact number of officers in the Superior Service at present?

**MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR:** I claim notice.

*Health and Nutritional Survey.*

172. ✻ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government have received a copy of a report of the Health and Nutritional survey of the villages of Kotilpad and Puthoor near Colachel conducted by Dr. M. E. Naidu L. R. C. P. & S. (Edin) L. F. P. & S. (Glas) Kottar, Nagercoil and two other Medical Graduates; and

(*b*) whether Government have considered the suggestion contained in the report and whether any steps have been taken to help the fisher folk of those villages?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI** (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The report is under consideration.

*Scabies.*

173. ✻ **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that scabies is prevalent in the State in an epidemic form so that in certain areas about 75 per cent of the public are affected;

(*b*) whether they have made enquiries as to the causes of such outbreak and if so, what are they; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any special steps to combat it and if so, what are they?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** (*a*) An increase in the prevalence of scabies has been observed.

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(*b*) if so, whether the services of the teacher in the aided school are taken into account after his entering into Government service for his confirmation, promotion, pension, etc.;

(*c*) if not, the reason why it is not taken into account;

(*d*) whether the service of a teacher in the middle school was at any time taken into account for his promotions, etc., after his recruitment to departmental institutions; and

(*e*) the reason why that system was later on discontinued and the year from which such a system was abandoned?

**MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:** (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*d*).

**MR. D. THOMAS:** May I know when recruitment to Departmental schools is conducted the case of teachers in private institutions will also be considered?

**MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:** It is a question of policy.

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## Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 170.**

### PRESS NOTE.

With a view to minimise the expenditure on account of pension charges which has of late been on the increase from year to year and also with a view to retain the services of officers most of whom under present day conditions are quite healthy and active at the age of 55 and whose experience can be advantageously utilised by the Government and in order to avoid as far as possible the grant of extensions of service in individual cases, Government have sanctioned the age of superannuation for officers in the superior service being raised from 55 to 58.

2. Corresponding to the above change in the age of superannuation and also with a view to benefit the new entrants into the public service of the State and widen the range of choice, the maximum age limit for admission to the public service of the State is also raised from 25 to 28.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 18th May 1945.

S. NARAYANA AIYAR,
*Financial Secretary to Government.*

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